

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 6 as follows:

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The method generally includes the steps of solubilizing the matrix forming component in ~~water~~ heated water. The surfactant component is added to the matrix component/water mixture and is thoroughly mixed therein. At least one pharmaceutical ingredient or drug in solid particulate form is then added slowly and mixed so as to cause thorough and uniform coating of the particles of the pharmaceutical ingredient. Following coating with the matrix/surfactant mixture, the coated pharmaceutical ingredient is then dried.